and a written test was conducted again on 4th April, 1999. The qualified candidates were interviewed on 29th April, 1999 and five posts of Jr. Accounts Assistants were filled in during May, 1999. There has, therefore, been no anomaly as such.

Cases against LPG and Petrol Pump Agents

378. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any cases, where LPG agents, or petrol pump owners have given false information while getting the agency;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what action has been taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) During the last three years (i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99) there were 5 cases in retail outlets and 5 cases in LPG distributorships where it was established that dealerships/Distributorships were obtained by furnishing false information. Yearwise details are given below:—

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
RO	2	1	2
LPG	1	3	1

All the above dealerships/distributorships have since been terminated.

Availability of Natural Gas in Tripura for industrial users

379. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of natural gas available in Tripura for allotment of industrial use;

(b) how much quantity, sector-wise, had been allotted among the industrial users so far; and

(c) the details of applications pending for additional allotment of gas in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The present availability of natural gas in Tripura is 2.83 Million Standard Cubic Metres Per Day (MMSCMD).

(b) The total allocation of natural gas in Tripura is 1.7962 MMSCMD. Out of this, 1.650 MMSCMD is for Power Sector, 0.1302 MMSCMD for domestic & small scale industries and 0.016 for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).